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The Tripartite Committee
Committee of Government Representatives
ECLAC
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Dear Committee of Government Representatives,

I am writing to tell you my concerns about trade and investment in our global economy and to ask you to ensure the participation of civil society in trade policy formation.

The current global financial and trade situation demands an adjustment of our economic systems. Justice and equity for all peoples must be better served. We petition all those responsible for economic policy to ensure that policy

- enhance the full realization of human rights,
- support the rights of people over capital,
- ensure the responsibility of governments to regulate local situations,
- guarantee citizen participation and well-being,
- promote justice among all nations,
- secure gender justice for women, and
- protect the earth's limited resources.

Likewise, policy formation requires the dissemination and easy access of information to citizen group as well as to include their involvement in discussion and planning. Most important, I ask your group to find ways to ensure consultation from the poorest communities of our world so that their voices can be a direct part of the democratic process and that the negotiations can truly represent our human community.

Sincerely,

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